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SUBJECT: AP PRESS REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARS REFTEL

QUOTE: APB (ADDIS ABABA) -- RELIABLE ETHIOPIAN SOURCES REPORTED TODAY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE UNITED STATES FOR AN EMERGENCY AIRLIFT OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION TO REPLACE BULLETS FIRED AGAINST ERITREAN GUERRILLAS.

THE SOURCES, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, SAID THEY EXPECTED THE REQUEST TO BE REFERRED TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FOR A DECISION THAT COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA AND WITH ARAB STATES BACKING THE GUERRILLAS.

OBSERVERS SAY THAT SUPPLYING THE AMMUNITION WOULD INDIRECTLY INVOLVE THE U.S. AGAINST SYRIA AND OTHER ARAB  
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NATIONS WITH WHOM WASHINGTON HOPES TO ARRANGE A MIDDLE

EAST SETTLEMENT. REFUSAL WOULD ENTAIL A POSSIBLE BREAK  
WITH ETHIOPIA, WHICH UNDER FORMER EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE

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WAS A STAUNCH U.S. ALLY AND A WEST-LEANING BASTION  
AGAINST INCREASING SOVIET AND CHINESE INFLUENCE IN NORTH-  
EASTERN AFRICA.

THERE'S BEEN NO COMMENT FROM AMERICAN OR ETHIOPIAN  
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